

collected on a centralized basis regarding vacancies of teachers and professors reserved for tribals in all the schools and colleges of the country. However, all Central educational institutions follow the policy of Government to provide 7.5% reservation for the Scheduled Tribes.

(b) As far as Kendriya Vidyalayas and Navodaya Vidyalayas are concerned, the number of appointment of Scheduled Tribe candidates made by them during the last three years are given below:—

Vidyalaya	2004-05	2005-06	2006-07
Kendriya Vidyalayas	66	126	(appointments under process)
Navodaya Vidyalayas	185	105	117

Information relating to other Central Educational Institutions is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Central assistance for Mid-Day Meal Scheme

2889. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the Central assistance granted to Karnataka under the Mid-Day Meal scheme during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007, year-wise;

(b) the extent to which the funds under the scheme were utilized by the State, year-wise till 31st March, 2006, along with State's share therein, year-wise; and

(c) whether the un-utilized funds under the scheme are lapsed or allowed to be carried forward to next year?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Central assistance

granted to Karnataka under the Mid-Day Meal scheme during the last three years ending 31st March, 2007 is as under:—

(i) Central assistance as Cooking Cost

Period	Amount
01.09.2004 - 30.04.2005	Rs. 6589.93 lakhs
01.05.2005 - 31.12.2005	Rs. 6754.68 lakhs
01.01.2006 - 30.06.2006	Rs. 3950.31 lakhs
01.07.2006 - 31.03.2007	Rs. 12282.26 lakhs

(ii) Central assistance in the form of supply of foodgrains, Transport subsidy, Management Monitoring and Evaluation, Kitchen Sheds and Kitchen Devices

(Figures Rs. in Lakh)

Year	Allocation of foodgrains (in MTs)	Transport Subsidy	Management Monitoring & Evaluation	Kitchen Sheds	Kitchen Devices
2004-05	117558.08	-	-	-	-
2005-06	112863.57	143.23	190.53	-	-
2006-07	96517.61	849.24	317.88	5763.61	1534.55

(b) Karnataka Government has reported that a sum of Rs. 25347.57 lakhs (including Central share) was provided in the State Budget for 2006-07. State Government also reported that Central assistance received up to 31st March, 2006 has been fully utilized.

(c) Central assistance to States/UTs is released only after adjusting unspent balance out of previous releases.

Quality of engineering graduates

2890. SHRI RAVULA CHANDRA SEKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that companies in the country are refusing the untalented engineers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;